

separates man at his best from man at his worst. At his best man is but a "little lower than the angels," while man at his worst may, in some respects, be lower than the beasts about him. And—awe-inspiring thought—every human being is traveling in one direction or the other, upward toward the highest plane to which man can aspire or downward toward the lowest level toward which man can fall!

Christ has power to rescue man at any point on the downward way and, by forgiveness, start him on his ascent toward the skies.

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

JESUS THE GREAT MISSIONARY

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BIBLE TEXT—LESSON FOR NOVEMBER-26

(Luke 8:13, 26-33, 38, 39)

And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him.

And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils.

And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.

And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and wore no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

(For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

And there was an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away saying,

Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God."

Thus Luke, the great disciple, begins his account of Christ's first extended tour.

Christ began His preaching upon the shores of the Sea of Galilee, with Capernaum as headquarters. Then, in the second year of His ministry, he undertook more extended missionary work, traveling from place to place. "And the twelve were with Him."

Luke mentions three women by name (and gives credit to others generally) who of their substance ministered unto Christ and the Apostles at this time. One of these women was Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils; another was the wife of Herod's steward; of Susanna nothing is known beyond the mention of her name. They were women and they gave of their substance—two facts which deserve a word in passing.

Christ was the emancipator of women. Those who live in the United States and see what women's position is today can hardly understand

the world's former treatment of the "mothers of men."

Christ's apostles were men, but the New Testament has given to history and to literature the names and descriptions of a number of women who have exerted an incalculable influence in the lifting of woman from a life of degradation to a place as man's companion, comrade, and equal.

The name Mary will never shine among the names given to women. It was the name of the woman singled out and given the supreme honor of mothering the child Jesus. This name was borne also by Mary, the sister of Martha, and by Mary Magdalene.

The heart of woman seemed to respond to the teachings of Christ even when men shouted, "Crucify him!" His appeal was to the conscience and His call was to the doing of kind deeds and the showing of mercy.

Wherever Christ's gospel has been carried it has brought hope to woman; she stands erect beneath the banner of the cross. Her advance though sometimes slow, has been continuous, and there will be no turning back.

HOW MUCH WEALTH?

The women mentioned in today's text proved their devotion by their donations. Many Christian women have consecrated their money to the cause of Christ and, by doing so have proven the value of money when it is the servant of the heart.

Sometimes the question is asked, How much money can a Christian have and yet remain a Christian?

The answer is easy. If the money is made honestly—that is, if it represents the value of service rendered to society—a Christian can have any amount of money so long as he is in command of the money—that is, so long as he is the master and money the servant.

Whenever money becomes the master and man is its servant, Christianity is impossible, no matter how honestly the man may have acquired it.

Some may be able to use more money than others without yielding to its mastery, but whether the sum possessed be much or little it must be available for such uses as the heart desires to make of it.

A little money may make a miser of one whose heart has not been brought into harmony with the spirit of the Master and who has no vision of the coming of God's Kingdom, while a very large sum of money may have no corroding influence upon one who finds a pleasure in hastening the day when God's will will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

In recording the facts of this first extended missionary tour, Luke presents some very important incidents in Christ's life. There is given, for example, one of the most valuable of the many recorded parables spoken by Jesus.

In a very life-like way, Christ describes the sower who "went out to sow his seed." Commentators who give a description of the locality in which the words were spoken reveal the appropriateness of the classification made. Some of the seed fell by the wayside, some upon a rock; other seed fell among the thorns, while some fell on good ground.

In a sentence Christ brings before His hearers the importance of the soil into which the seed falls. The seed that fell by the wayside was partly trodden down and partly picked up by the fowls before it could take root. That which fell upon the rock awakened into life, but did not mature because of lack of moisture.

If comparison can be made among lessons of such great importance, the thought presented in connection with the seed falling among thorns would seem to be even more practical than the others. The seed that fell among thorns did not lack soil; its chance was better than that of

the seed that fell by the roadside or upon the rock, but its end was the same; it brought no harvest because the thorns sprang up and choked it.

"CHOKED WITH RICHES AND PLEASURES"

This is one of the parables that Christ explained to His disciples.

The seed is the Word of God; the fowls represent the devil that carries away the seed that is exposed.

The seed that fell upon a rock represented the Word when it is re-

ceived with joy but does not take root.

Then we come to the seed that fell among thorns; it is "choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life" so that it brings no fruit to perfection. Matthew, in recording this parable, says that "the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word," so that the one who has received it becomes unfruitful.

Where did this young man, Christ,

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